



King Day Speaker to Focus on Definition of Diversity

Diversity means many things to many people in today's society. It no longer just relates to race and gender, but instead it's about acknowledging any differences that can impact the fair treatment of people, explains Trevor Wilson, author of *Diversity at Work: The Business Case for Equity*.

Wilson will discuss the importance of giving diversity a new definition at Rockville's 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, Jan. 17, at noon, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, located at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr.

"Wilson has a unique ability to bring global issues – like diversity – to a local audience and make it relevant," said Maile Beers-Arthur, Rockville's Human Rights and Community Mediation Administrator. "He really relates to people. I think everyone will go away feeling like he spoke to them directly."

According to Wilson, businesses are facing a crisis. Managers are confronted with a highly diverse workforce, but they are still using the same strategy that they used for a former, more homogenous workforce. They treat everyone the same, which in the past meant fairly. However, by the year 2000, Wilson says 80 percent of those entering the workforce won't be white, able-bodied males, so treating people the same doesn't mean you're treating them fairly.

"People need to distinguish the difference between equality and equity – between same and fair," said Wilson. "You can't ignore people's differences. You must offer different but fair treatment."

The major stumbling block in the dialogue about diversity, says Wilson, is the definition of terms. You must first define

these terms so people can understand what diversity is all about.

Wilson, a diversity strategist to international businesses, started his career in the public sector by serving as an advisor to the Premier of Canada's largest province on issues of multiculturalism, race relations, employment equity, affirmative action, and human rights.

In 1989, he started his own consulting firm specializing in the area of equity and diversity management. Today he works with business consortiums of leading multi-national corporations in North America, South Africa, and Europe. In 1998, he was the driving force behind the establishment of The Trinity Group – a group of global corporations dedicated to the development of standards in the measurement of diversity.

In addition to Wilson's keynote address, the celebration will include music, entertainment, and the presentation of the F. Michael Taff Award (which honors an individual or an organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities) and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award (which honors a middle school or high school student who has exhibited outstanding efforts to further the dreams and goals of King).

The theater is wheelchair-accessible, and the program will be sign-language interpreted for people with hearing impairments. Individuals with disabilities who require assistance to attend this event or who have questions about accessibility may contact Rockville's ADA coordinator at 301-309-3300 or TDD 301-309-3187. ❖

CALL 301-309-3388 FOR MORE INFO

Striving to Create a Vibrant Town Center

Imagine a Town Center that is alive after 5 p.m., that teams with families and friends there for cultural events, shopping, dining, and entertainment. That's the goal of Rockville's Mayor and Council and the Town Center Action Team (TCAT).

"The Mayor and Council are committed to Town Center, and we've made the development of it one of our four initiatives for this term," said Councilmember Robert Wright. "As the champion for this initiative, I'll be participating in the Town Center Action Team, which has considerable energy and a desire to make Town Center vibrant."

TCAT was created more than two years ago as part of the City's *Imagine Rockville* visioning process, and since then, the group of more than 40 citizens has met regularly with City staff and leaders, developers, and Town Center merchants to discuss mutual concerns such as urban design, preservation of small businesses, pedestrian accessibility, traffic, parking, nightlife, and cultural/entertainment opportunities.

"We want to create a Town Center that has social, cultural, and entertainment options to complement business, government, and residential uses," explained TCAT member Paul Newman. "With this new Town Center, we hope to combine the character and history of the city with the current needs of the community."

Three issues that the Town Center Action Team has focused on are plans for a new Rockville Regional Library in Town Center, the creation of a central park or town commons, and potential traffic management efforts to improve safety and accessibility between East Rockville (or the Metro) and Town Center (possibly by creating an underpass).

Since its inception, TCAT has become an important advocate for residents interested in the development of the city's Town Center. It now provides an organized voice to Rockville's Planning Commission and the Mayor and Council. In fact, according to Newman, now the City often advises Town Center developers to speak to the Action Team before completing their plans for submission.

In order to continue the success it has seen so far, TCAT is seeking citizens interested in the future of Rockville's Town Center to join them. The Action Team meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Redbrick Courthouse. Come make a difference in your city. ❖

CALL 301-315-6556 FOR MORE INFO

Calendar of Events

City Events

2 Rockville Arts Awards and Gala; 5:30 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; \$12 per person, \$20 per couple; Reservations required; Call 301-309-3357

8 National Chamber Orchestra; 8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; \$16 (center), \$12 (side), and \$8 (far side); Call 301-762-8580

9 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit Opening; 1 p.m.; Glenview Mansion second floor; Sara Brown (fiber collage, assemblage), Savine Carlson (paintings), and Mike Shaffer (mixed media sculpture); Artist talk, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.; Guided gallery tour, Jan. 21, 10 a.m.

9 Sunday Afternoon Concert; 2 p.m.; Conservatory; Celtic Explorations; Free

13,14,15,21, 22,28,29

Rockville Little Theatre; 8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; *Trip to Bountiful*; \$10 general admission, \$9 students/seniors; Call 301-340-1417

17 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration; See pg. 1

17 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day; City Hall closed

30 Rockville Concert Band; 3 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Chamber Ensemble Concert; Free; Call 301-309-3340

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Horizon Hill Dedication



Mayor Rose Krasnow – along with Councilmembers Bob Wright, Glennon Harrison, Bob Dorsey, and Horizon Hill residents – cuts the ribbon on the neighborhood's new sign. The sign was built as part of Rockville's Neighborhood Matching Grant Program.

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City events, call 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.

Imagine Rockville

5 Town Center Action Team; 7 p.m.; Redbrick Courthouse, Room G105

18 Rockville's Action Team for the Environment (RATE); 7:30 p.m.; City Hall

22 Diversity and the Arts Action Team; Noon; El Mariachi, 765-C Rockville Pike; Call 301-738-7177

To join an Imagine Rockville Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

For Seniors

5 Birthday Party; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #8534; Register by Dec. 29; Free

5,11,19 Blood Pressure Screening; 10 a.m.; Free

6 Legal Counseling; 10 a.m.; Free

6,13 Individual Financial Planning; 1:30 p.m.; Call 301-309-3050 for an appointment

7 Pressed Flower Bookends; 1 p.m.; Activity #8513; Register by Dec. 27; \$15 members, \$20 non-members

8 2,000 Reasons to Celebrate – Millennium Dance; 7:30 p.m.; Activity #8501; Register by Dec. 28; \$8 members, \$12 non-members

10 Health Care Screening; By appointment only; Call 1-888-922-2528

12 Long Term Care Seminar; 10:15 a.m.; Free

12 Supervised Bridge; 10 a.m.; Eight-week program; Activity #8509; Register by Jan. 5; \$25 members, \$30 non-members

12 Winter Soups and Stews; 10:30 a.m.; Activity #8510; Register by Jan. 5; \$7 members, \$10 non-members

13 Dentures: Adventures and Misadventures; 10:15 a.m.; Free

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

East Rockville

Grandin Park • Creating a neighborhood park • underway

Hungerford/Stoneridge

Elwood Smith Community Center

General renovations, accessibility upgrades, and room added • design underway with citizen input • construction summer '00

Dawson Farm Park

Adding Ritchie Pkwy. dead-end • includes picnic area, historical marker, and artwork • design fall '99 with citizen input • construction winter/spring '00

Lincoln Park

Community Center

Renovations and adding space • will house computer center and a police substation • construction underway with completion spring '00

Isreal Park Ballfield

Improvements to ballfield drainage • construction spring '00

King Farm

King Farm Park/Elementary School

Park concept plan completed with ballfields, playgrounds, pathways, passive space, and tennis and basketball courts • construction spring '00

Potomac Woods/Horizon Hill

Millennium Trail

Proposed bikeway along Wootton Pkwy. from Falls Rd. to Glen Mill Rd. • survey and design underway • community input sought

Falls Rd.

Bike trail on Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster Rd. • east side • construction winter/spring '00

West End

Skate Park

At Welsh Park • ramps, quarter pipes, etc. for in-liners and skateboarders • input sought • construction spring '00

General Projects

Montrose Community Center

General renovations, accessibility upgrades, and

roof replacement • design winter/spring '00 • construction fall/winter '00/'01

City-Wide Bicycle Route System • First year construction of paths, lanes, and routes • construction in '99/'00 • detailed design in cooperation with Citizen Bicycle Action Committee

Senior Center • Renovate kitchen and other interior areas in '00

Nature Center • Located at Civic Center Park near Old Avery Rd. meadow area • design ongoing with citizen taskforce • citizen input sought • construction spring '00

Dogwood Park Field • Lights replaced with fixtures that concentrate light on field • lower and upper baseball/football field

Playground Equipment/Fit Trail • Playground equipment replaced • Woottons Mill Park (adjacent to Aintree Dr.), Glenora Park, and Twinbrook Park

Mark Twain Athletic Park • Lighted soccer and softball fields, tennis courts, and playground • completion fall '99, first use in spring '00

Glenview Mansion Historic Master Plan • Preserving historic integrity of mansion and grounds • in cooperation with Recreation and Park Advisory Board, Cultural Arts Commission, Historic District Commission, docents, and residents

City Hall Expansion • expand office space to accommodate new positions at 111 Maryland Ave. or alternate Town Center location • Study in Fiscal Year (FY) '99, with construction in FY '00

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

Public Works

Mt. Vernon

Storm Water Management (SWM) Pond

Mt. Vernon Place, east of Blandford St. • modify existing SWM pond • new wet marsh

Tower Oaks

Tower Oaks/I-270 Traffic Signal

Reduce congestion and improve safety • State will build and fund • expected to be operational by end of January '00

General Projects

Water Main Relining

Denham Rd., Edmonston Rd., and Rollins Ave. • improve flow and pressure • construction underway, completion winter '99 • significant impact to streets and driveways

Avery Rd. Right Turn Lane • Improve capacity and safety at intersection • install sidewalk/bikeway • completion spring '00

Street Geometric Improvements • Improve safety and appearance of street • includes stop sign reversal on Rothgeb Dr. • project on hold

West Gude Dr. Right Turn Lane • Improve capacity and safety at intersection • underway

Street Light Design • Wootton Pkwy. completed and waiting on power from Pepco • Watts Branch underway

Highland Ave. • Improve street with turn-around, storm drain, and asphalt paving • survey and design ongoing

Great Falls Rd. • Improve safety and appearance from Monument St. to W. Montgomery Ave. • design by State Highway underway • next update for citizens in April '00

Veirs Drive Sidewalk • Improve pedestrian safety and provide sidewalk on north side • start in spring '00

Horners Lane Water Tank • Remove tank spring '00 • work with neighborhoods to determine use

Horners Lane Pump Station • underway • completion January '00

CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO

Rockville's Inclement Weather Policy

Wondering if a meeting at City Hall or a Recreation and Parks program has been cancelled because of weather? Tune in to WMAL (AM630) or WRQX (FM107.3), or watch Rockville Cable 53 (cable-ready 33), WJLA (TV Ch. 7), WUSA (TV Ch. 9) or WRC (TV Ch. 4) for cancellation information.

For Recreation and Parks programs, you also may call:

- **League play** – 301-309-3333
- **Afternoon, evening, or Saturday and Sunday programs** – 301-309-3336
- **Special events** – 301-309-3334

The following policies apply to the Recreation and Parks' programs:

- When Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) close due to weather, all Rockville Recreation and Parks programs are cancelled.
- If MCPS open late, Recreation and Parks programs are cancelled for the morning.
- If MCPS close early, all afternoon and evening programs are cancelled.
- If schools don't close, but a weather emergency develops, a decision will be made on afternoon programs (from 2:15-6 p.m.) by 2 p.m. and announced on the message lines. For league play, a decision will be made by 3 p.m., and for special events, the policy varies.

City Snow Removal Ordinance

Rockville's snow ordinance requires that snow be removed from paved areas for public use within 24 hours after a snowfall of three inches or less, and within 48 hours after a snowfall of more than three inches, to provide a safe, unobstructed passable path 36 inches wide. Ice must be removed or treated within 24 hours and treated to prevent re-freezing.

The City maintains reverse-frontage sidewalks where City sidewalks abut properties at the rear property line. More information about these sidewalks is available at the Inspection Services Division at City Hall.

CALL **301-309-3261** FOR MORE INFO

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In Brief

2000 Census Countdown

As the new millennium arrives, the countdown for the 2000 Census has begun. On Dec. 7, Mayor Rose Krasnow kicked-off Rockville's *Census 2000 Complete Count* campaign, which will emphasize how important it is that all Rockville residents take part.

Your participation is vital to the success of the 2000 Census. Not only do the results of the count decide how many representatives our state will send to Congress, but it also determines legislative districts and county precincts.

On the local front, more than \$120 billion in aid is distributed to cities, counties, and states each year based solely on population statistics.

Over the next three months residents can look for increased advertising of the Census in newspapers, on radio, and on television – including Rockville Cable 53 (cable-ready 33), as part of the local effort to promote the Census.

When you find the Census in your mailbox, be sure to fill it out and return it. You'll be helping secure a strong future for Rockville!

CALL **301-309-3206** FOR MORE INFO

Holiday Drive Wrap Up

The 1999 Holiday Drive will wrap up with a recognition ceremony on Jan. 24 for major donors who have contributed at least \$200.

You can still make monetary contributions, which will be used to pay for toys and fresh food for Rockville families. Donations should be in the form of checks made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund, and mailed to: Department of Community Services, Attn.: Holiday Drive Fund, 32 Courthouse Sq., Rockville, MD 20850.

CALL **301-309-3183** FOR MORE INFO

Summer Camp Guide

Although winter is in full swing, it's time once again to think about summer camps. Rockville's 2000 Camp Guide will be mailed to residents in late January.

Here are some dates you should mark on your calendar:

- Feb. 11 – Resident mail-in registration
- Feb. 25 – Resident in-person registration
- Feb. 29 – Home school registration
- March 2 – Non-resident registration

The City's summer camps are slated to begin on Monday, June 19, and most of them run for four, two-week sessions.

CALL **301-309-3340** FOR MORE INFO

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Santa's Helper Program Thank Yous

The City of Rockville would like to thank Rockville Power Squadron, Kay-Bee Toys, and CVS Pharmacy for their involvement in the 1999 Rockville Santa's Helper Program.

This decade-old program has helped bring holiday cheer to more than a thousand children, and in 1999, it provided gifts for more than 100 area children.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Teen Offerings

Rockville offers a variety of fun and exciting opportunities for its teens. Take a look at some of the things being offered:

- **Montrose Teen Activity Center** – Open on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m., this program is designed for grades six through 12. You can enjoy billiards, ping pong, Nintendo, foosball, a snack bar, and more! Registration is required, but the cost is free.
- **Workreation** – This program combines work and recreation for students, ages 12-17. You can earn credits that you can use toward fun-filled recreation programs.
- **Teen Club** – Registration is ongoing. As a member, you'll receive discounts for dances, trips, and other City-sponsored special activities for teens. Students attending middle schools in Rockville are eligible to become members.

CALL **301-309-3345** FOR MORE INFO

Wootton's Mill Excavation

The City of Rockville has contracted Tetra Tech Inc. archeologists to investigate and document the ruins of Wootton's Mill located at Woottons Mill Park. Excavation will begin this winter, depending on weather.

This and other research programs are part of the 200th anniversary of the City planned for 2001. Other projects include interpretive photographic markers and a mill history trail at the park.

The Maryland Historical Trust is supporting the program with Certified Local Government grant funds.

CALL **301-309-3207** FOR MORE INFO

Off-Leash Testing and Rabies Clinic

Rockville's Neighborhood Services Division will conduct its Off-Leash Testing on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 10 a.m., in the Middle Lane parking lot.

The division also will participate in a Rabies Clinic on Sunday, Jan. 23, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter, 14645 Rothgeb Dr. The clinic is sponsored by the Montgomery County Division of Animal Control and Humane Treatment.

CALL **301-309-3115** FOR MORE INFO

Mentors Needed

Give an hour a week to be a role model and friend to a youth. You'll help: improve self-esteem and confidence; motivate; assist with problem solving; and coach life skills and values.

CALL **301-309-3007** FOR MORE INFO

Strengthening Families

Interested in learning how to reduce conflict in your family? Rockville's Strengthening Families Program teaches parents how to: improve family relationships and parenting skills and increase the good behavior of their children.

Children learn how to: understand their feelings; resist peer pressure; comply with parental rules; handle anger; and deal with criticism.

To participate in this free program, you must be a parent with a child between the ages of 7 and 11.

CALL **301-309-3309** FOR MORE INFO

Computer Instructor

Rockville's Senior Center is seeking an instructor to teach introductory and intermediate word processing at the center's computer lab. You must be familiar with Office 97 and Windows 95. Call for information regarding hours and salary.

CALL **301-309-3050** FOR MORE INFO

Sahaja Yoga

Learn stress management and self-awareness through a free meditative yoga class on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Rockville's Youth, Family, and Community Services Department, 32 Courthouse Sq. The class will run as long as an interest is shown.

CALL **301-309-3077** FOR MORE INFO

Environmental Tip: Recycle Your Christmas Tree

During each week in January, trees and wire-bound wreaths will be collected at the curb along with other recyclables.

Please remove any stands, nails, decorations, or tinsel. Then place the tree at the curb. Don't use a plastic bag. Wreaths should be placed at the curb as large household items and should be kept separate from your Christmas tree.

Call 301-309-3094 for more information about recycling.



Para Ud.

Censo 2000

Se está dando inicio al Censo del año 2000 y necesitamos de tu participación para que sea todo un éxito.

La información de Censo es estrictamente confidencial y solo se utiliza para determinar cuantos representados puede el Estado enviar al Congreso así como para saber cuantos distritos legislativos y precintos se necesitan en el condado. Asimismo cerca de \$120 billones de dólares en ayuda es distribuida entre las ciudades, condados y estados cada año en base a las estadísticas de población. Cuando el formulario del Censo llegue a tu casilla de correo, por favor inmediatamente llena toda la información que te solicitan y devuélvela rápidamente para así ayudar a la ciudad de Rockville. Recuerda que la información que tú proporcionas es importante y confidencial y no podrá ser usada de ninguna otra manera.



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20 Self Defense Against Brain Attacks; 1 p.m.; Free

21 Picture This; 10 a.m.; Activity #8516; Register by Jan. 10; Free with \$20 material fee to instructor

24 AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving; 10 a.m.; Activity #8521; Register by Jan. 14; \$10

25 Ancient China and the Buried Army; 10 a.m.; Activity #8512; Register by Jan. 18; Free

27 How the Mind can affect the Body; 1:15 p.m.; Free

28 Cholesterol Screening; 10 a.m.; \$16 for 55 and older, and \$20 for younger than 55

All activities are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Camation Dr., unless noted. For more information, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person or mail-in registration.

For Teens

7 Friday Night Ski Club; Eight-week, after-school program; Ski Liberty first trip

14 Julius West Middle School Teen Club Dance; 7:30-10 p.m.; Grades six through eight; \$3 Teen Club members, \$5 non-members

17 Blue Knob Ski Trip; 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Leave from City Hall; Prices vary

23 Civiteen Coolfont Snow Tubing Trip; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Members only; \$22

26 Whitetail Ski Trip; 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Leave from City Hall; Prices vary

28 Robert Frost Middle School Teen Club Dance; 7:30 –10 p.m.; Grade six only; \$3 Teen Club members and \$5 non-members

26 Civiteen Spanish Dance; 7:30-10 p.m.; Members only; \$7

30 Civiteen B&O Railroad Trip; 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Members only; \$20 (advance payment required)

For more information about teen activities or to register for a program, please call 301-309-3345.

Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAM Mayor and Council Live

Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
Jan. 18 (Tues.), 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
(tentative)
Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.
General Session

Meeting Replays

Mon. 7:30 p.m. (if no live meeting)
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sat. and Sun., 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mayor and Council Review

Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.

City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.

SPECIALS

Annual Report

Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.
Daily, 1 p.m.
Tues.-Fri., 9 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration (after 1/25)

Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
Daily, 1:30 p.m.
Tues.-Fri, 7 p.m.

Rockville, City in Bloom

Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
(through 1/25)
Daily, 1:30 p.m.
(through 1/25)
Daily, 11 p.m.

Every 15 Minutes

Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.
(through 1/25)
Daily, 2 p.m. (through 1/25)
Tues.-Fri., 8:30 p.m.

Cityline – Arts Special

Mon.-Fri, 10:30 a.m.
(through 1/25)
Daily, 2:30 p.m.
(through 1/25)
Tues.-Fri., 8 p.m.

We are looking forward to another enjoyable year of working with you, the citizens of Rockville, and hope that the new millennium brings you peace, health, and happiness!

— from the Mayor and Council and the City of Rockville Staff

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

From the Nov. 15 and 22 meetings:

The Mayor and Council:

- Held a public hearing on CPD99-0004, Falls Grove Associates, Concept Plan for Comprehensive Planned Development (CPD) submitted to allow development on the former Thomas Farm, a 256.5-acre tract located generally in an area bounded by Darnestown Rd., Shady Grove Rd., Research Blvd., and West Montgomery Ave., by Falls Grove Associates Inc.
- Appointed: Larry Owens (temporary, Board of Appeals); and Paul Newman (Greater Rockville Partnership).
- Approved amendments to the City's pension plan to allow for the transfer of service credits by police employees from other governmental units and to extend the deadline for employees grandfathered into the new service transfer provisions for thrift plan employees.
- Awarded bid #83-99 to Technical Roofing Systems Inc., of Gaithersburg, Md., in the amount of \$99,181, for partial roof removal and replacement at the Lincoln Park Community Center.
- Awarded bid #91-99 to EMH Environmental Inc., of Woodbine, Md., in the amount of \$569,985, for water treatment plant clarifier update and miscellaneous improvements.
- Awarded bid #33-00 to Criswell Chevrolet Inc., of Gaithersburg, Md., in the amount of \$57,270, for five staff sedans.
- Awarded bid #34-00 to Criswell Chevrolet Inc., of Gaithersburg, Md., in the amount of \$82,950, for five compact SUVs.
- Awarded bid #35-00 to Ourisman's Rockmont Chevrolet Inc., of Rockville, Md., in the amount of \$143,148, for seven, various-size pickup trucks.
- Awarded bid #37-00 to Criswell Chevrolet Inc., of Gaithersburg, Md., in the amount of \$221,212, for two heavy-duty, dump trucks and one medium-duty, dump truck.
- Awarded bid #41-00 to Holland Gardens Nursery and Landscaping Inc., of Beltsville, Md., in the amount of \$88,830, for flower annuals.
- Awarded bid #42-00 to East Coast Building Services, of Laurel, Md., in the amount of \$49,905, for the Lincoln Park Community Center below-grade waterproofing project.
- Accepted zoning ordinance text amendment TXT99-0178, Fallgrove Associates, applicant, to amend various sections of Article XII, Division 7, relating to permitted uses and parking requirements in comprehensive planned developments.
- Approved projects and funding levels to be included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to Montgomery County.
- Introduced a resolution – annexation petition ANX97-0126 – to enlarge the corporate boundaries of the City of

Rockville to include approximately 8.08 acres of land located between Dover Rd. and Southlawn La., west of E. Gude Dr. and including a portion of the Southlawn La. right-of-way.

- Adopted a resolution to set a public hearing date in connection with annexation petition ANX97-0126.

The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.

Mayor & Council Calendar

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 3 Work Session (Fee Study)
Jan. 10 General Session
Jan. 18 (Tuesday) Public Hearing (tentative)
Jan. 24 General Session
Jan. 31 Work Session (Historic District Commission)

Council meetings are televised live on Rockville Cable 53 (cable-ready 33). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and daily at 3 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Mayor & Council Drop-In

Jan. 10 Bob Dorsey
Jan. 18 Glennon Harrison (tentative)
Jan. 24 Anne Robbins

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall is open during this time.

While Drop-In is on a first-come, first-served basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

Vacancies

Cable Communications Advisory Committee (City of Rockville representative to the County committee): The committee assists in the oversight of the franchise agreement and advises the County on use of the cable system and allocation of grants for public service. A knowledge of Montgomery County, communications technology and law, accounting, and business management is desired. Members must file confidential financial disclosure statements annually.

Historic District Commission (one vacancy): This five-member body recommends to the Mayor and Council the boundaries of districts that are deemed to be of historic or architectural value to the City and reviews applications for construction, changes, etc. in the historic districts. Members are appointed for three years with terms overlapping.

Rockville Sister City Corp. (one vacancy): This nonprofit corporation may have an unlimited number of members, and the Mayor and Council appoints three citizens to the 15-member board. Members help create programs to strengthen existing ties with Pinneberg, Germany; encourage the exchange of ideas between the cities; and recommend to the Mayor and Council steps that can be taken to further facilitate the friendship.

If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Jan. 8, 9:30 a.m.

Board of Appeals

Jan. 11, 7 p.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Science, Technology, and Environment Commission

Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Human Services Advisory Commission, 32 Courthouse Sq.

Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Cultural Arts Commission

Jan. 18, 1:30 p.m.

Rockville Seniors Inc.

Jan. 18, 7 p.m.

Historic District Commission

Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Housing Authority, 14 Moore Dr.

Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Supervisors of Elections

Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Sister City Corp.

Jan. 24, 4 p.m.

Sign Review Board

Jan 26, 7:30 p.m.

Human Rights Commission

Jan. 27, 10 a.m.

Senior Commission

Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

Recreation and Park Advisory Board

Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Traffic and Transportation Commission

Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m.

Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission

Bike Tip: Winter is Tune Up Time



Winter is a good time to have your bicycle tuned up. You should do this at least once a year. If your bike hasn't been ridden in a while, have it checked by a knowledgeable bike mechanic to be sure that the brakes, gears, etc. are in good working order.